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EXIT THE "KINGFISH"

One of the great comedians of the century has left us. Harry R. (Tim) Moore, the famous "Kingfish" of Amos 'n' Andy, died recently in California, of tuberculosis.

The "Kingfish" did not command tremendous fees for guest appearances. He may not have had the glitter or the gold of other so-called comedians. But he was a down-to-earth, honest-to-goodness comedian in the finest sense of the word.

His rich humor and insight, backed by a dialect of perfection, produced millions of laughs in millions of Americans. He was an accomplished actor, who stole the show on television — admittedly.

And even after he ceased playing the role before television cameras, "George Stevens' continued to make Amrica smile. Earlier this year, for example, he and his second wife, almost parted in a domestic tiff over a roast beef, which he said his wife's relatives had eaten. He was jailed briefly for firing a gun but let off with a suspended sentence.

It was the memorable "kingfish" of television, the character he played to perfection, all over again. He will be missed.

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WASHINGTON AT TRENTON

One of the great events we should remember at this time of the year is the Battle of Trenton, which took place the day after Christmas in 1776. Because the anniversary of this battle comes so close to Christmas, its memory is often obscured by the flood of Christmas literature and sentiment.

The Battle of Trenton, however, was of major significance to this country. It was — in the opinion of many experts — the turning point of the Revolutionary War. General George Washington, in fact, took advantage of Christmas to strike this blow for American freedom.

The British General, Sir William Howe, who had been appointed to the command of the British forces in American Colonies, felt certain that the American uprising had been quashed. He had fought at Bunker Hill (1775), and in September had tagen New York City. So confident was he that he agreed that General Cornwallis could be spared to return to England. George Washington, however, was far from finished. Noting that some 1,500 British troops (Hessians) were stationed at Trenton, secure in their belief that there was little danger, he gathered a fleet of flat-bottomed boats and about 2,000 Colonials and planned a surprise attack.

On Christmas night, 1776, this force gathered across the Delaware River at what is now Taylorsville. Next day they crossed and fell upon the celebrating Hessians, and in bitter fight lasting about half an hour, killed their commander, took a thousand prisoners and killed and wounded many of the remainder. Though General Howe was yet to win victories (he took Philadelphia in 1777). Cornwallis was recalled and it became apparent that Washington's army was not finished. Hope and morale among the Colonials was rekindled again — and never died.

To such trimphs as the Battle of Trenton we owe our independence as a nation today, and every American should remember the men who fought and died and won, for the cause of liberty, and independence, in those days, in the Battle of Trenton.

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PEARL HARBOR AND BERLIN

It is strange that, seventeen years after Pearl Harbor, the United States is still faced with the threat of military aggression. In other words, World War II did not bring peace to the world, as we had hoped, but merely produced a new antagonist.

In some ways the threat facing the United States in 1958 is far more omnious than that which faced us in the days immediately preceding World War II, and on December 7, 1941. In those days Americans were confident that, once committed, they could muster the resources and manpower to subdue their foes.

In addition, we had the protection of two great oceans, the Atlantic protecting us from Hitler, to a large extent, and the Pacific serving as a barrier to the Japanese, far from the West coast. Today, we have neither the barriers nor the time to muster the resources — in the event of an attack.

Thus, ironically, seventeen years after Pearl Harbor, we face a challenge from an enemy who is stronger numerically, and who threatens to surpass us industrially. Who among us could have seen, including those who gave their lives in behalf of peace, that seventeen years after Pearl Harbor humanity would still be plagued with the grim threat of tyranny?

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RESPECT PEDESTRIANS' RIGHTS

Every driver of a motor vehicle has a tender regard for the rights of the pedestrian when he happens to be the pedestrian. On such occasions they are in a position to understan d that approximately 65 per cent of persons injured or killed in automobile accidents are pedestrians.

We hope that every automobile driver who reads this, will make up his or her mind to drive carefully, having regard for the presence of children in the streets, the location of schools and playgrounds, and the natural tendency of children to ignore danger of which they are not fully aware.

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The scope of a man's mind is accurately indicated by the type of honor that he cherishes.

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You have met some of those people who, in order not to worry you, continue to worry you.

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A dictionary does you no good unless you use it; the same observation applies to your brains.

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There are any number of people who will do great things if they can do them without exertion.

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Not everything that is cut to half price is worth buying.

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The empty honors that the world bestows do not last beyond the grave.

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Then there are the people who tell you, when you ask them how they feel.

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We know people who are so selfish they are stingy with other people's money.

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The people of the world will never agree unanimously. What we must do is to learn to disagree harmoniously.

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Americanism: The belief that a two weeks' trip to a foreign country makes an individual an expert on foreign affairs.

Washington Notes

Business Gains in 1959

Peering ahead, the United States Chamber of Commerce, sees improved business conditions in 1959.

But its optimism is tempered somewhat by prospects of rising labor costs, possible strikes, and limited industrial expansion.

The chamber, nation - wide business organization, based its forecast largely on reports from several key industries —autos, steel retailing, building, food, durable goods, and finance.

Grub Control Promised

Government experts report that promise is shown by a new systematic insecticide for the control of cattle grubs.

The new chemical is an organophosphorus compound that can be administered either orally or as a spray. It is not yet available to cattlemen. Further tests will be made before it is released for general distribution.

Defense Budget Briefed

President Eisenhower gave general budget problems and defense spending top priority at a conference with Republican congressional leaders recently.

The emphasis on national security outlay came as somewhat of a surprise. Advance indications had been that military spending and foreign policy planning would be left for discussion mainly at another meeting scheduled January 5 with both Democratic and GOP leaders.

$80 Billion Enough

Senator Mansfield (D., Mont.,) recently viewed an $80,000,000,000 Federal budget as big enough for next year. But he said Congress won't parcel out the money just as President Eisenhower wants.

Mansfield, assistant Senate Democratic leader, served notice that Democratic majorities in Congress would put a stamp of their own on further Government outlays.

Tight Squeeze

Capitol officials believe they have found a way to seat all 64 Democratic senators on the same side of the chamber.

But it would be a tight squeeze, with some desks wedged together.

And— although the Republicans lost heavily in the November elections— the 34 remaining GOP senators would enjoy more comfort than their Democratic colleagues. At least, they'd have more elbow room.

Midwest a Battleground

In the threatening shadow of an atomic war, the once isolationist-minded Midwest is no longer isolated.

Four of the six proposed bases for launching ballistic missiles will be located in the cattle, wheat, and tall corn country, the bread basket of the nation. The other two will be on the West Coast.

In war, the hunter is also the hunted — the best offensive weapons become prime targets, too. Thus, the location of the ICBM launching sites in the Midwest could turn that section into a major battleground.

Ike To Get Nixon's Views

Vice President Nixon has cut himself in on the process of assembling President Eisenhower's state-of-the-union message with the obvious intention of accenting modern Republicanism.

Nixon has taken steps to make certain the Cabinet members who send their recommendations to the President know the Vice President's views.

FIRST WOMAN VOTER DIES

Orono, Maine.- Mrs. Roselle M. Huddleston, 84, who claimed to be the first woman to vote in a United States election, died recently.

Her claim was based on the fact that Maine voted a month ahead of the rest of the nation in 1921 and she was at the polls before they opened.

She was the first woman to hold public office in Orono — as a member of the school board — and was the first woman ever admitted to the Maine Republican convention.

REMOVE SOURCE OF DECAY WHEN REPAIRING BUILDINGS

When repairing a wooden building damaged by decay, first determine the source of moisture that caused the decay and, if possible, remove it.

This advice comes from agricultural engineers at VPI, who explain that to decay, wood must contain moisture. Decay is actually caused by fungi which grow and carry on their destructive life processes only when enough moisture is present.

If the moisture cannot be fully prevented, replace the decayed parts with a naturally durable type of wood, or with wood that has been treated with a preservative. Brushing, spraying or soaking wood with a preservative is worthwhile if the wood will be subjected to only occasional wetting.

In replacing damaged wood, it is advisable to remove the material for a distance of at least two feet beyond any evidence of decay, because wood usually is infected beyond the point where rot is apparent. If the source of moisture can be definitely eliminated, however, it is then necessary to cut out only such wood as has been made unserviceable.

To prevent decay in new wood, build with dry lumber and use building designs that will keep the wood dry.

Illegal Walking

Hartford, Conn.- Anyone who walks through a park in this city is violating a law.

Rules for the city's parks for the past 45 years have said: "It shall be unlawful for any person to go through any park or part thereof as a shortcut from one place to another."

Religion, we suspect, can be measured in an individual by manners displayed.

Liner Ile Sells For Scrap

Paris.- The Ile De France, queen of the Atlantic for more than a decade, is headed for the heap.

Launched in 1926, she was the epitome of comfort and luxury afloat before World War II. More than 246,000 passengers traveled aboard her in 346 prewar crossings.

As an Allied troopship, she carried more than 300,000 soldiers after 1940. She returned to the Atlantic passenger run in 1949.

New Look in Red China

Hong Kong.- Women of the Miao and Tung tribes of southwest China are abandoning their traditional, embroidered gowns for short and shockingly short skirts.

It is a revolutionary change in women's fashions for that part of China and the Chinese Communist press says it is raising eyebrows among the older generation.

It looks as if the new styles will stick. Slacks and short skirts are much more comfortable, especially for working in the fields.

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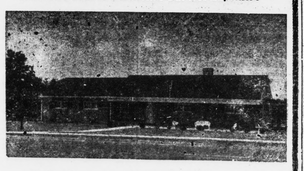

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Dec. 30.- Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds were dinner guests Christmas Day of Mrs. Florence Phelps. They also visited Mrs. J. H. Reynolds in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill and Faye visited relatives near Chase City Friday.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Thornhill Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Williams and children, of Roanoke; Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Thornhill and Virginia, and Mrs. Bill Sperry, Wendy and Johnnie, all of Lynchburg. Also Miss Faye Thornhill and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sperry, Wendy and Johnnie, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stanley, Jr., and Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Beale Friday evening.

Rocks

Rocks, Dec. 29.- Christmas passed off quietly around here.

Barbara Sims spent Christmas with her mother, near Washington.

A nice crowd was out for the Christmas play on last Monday night.

Mrs. Maude Ransom had all her children to visit her during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Toby Inge and children were at Evergreen this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Lewis Harris are all smiles. It's another boy, Thomas Douglas, born Dec. 22, at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutson Dickerson and Danny, of Brookneal, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ransom and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Woolridge near Evergreen last Sunday.

Cassie Baldwin spent last Sunday night with her aunt, Mrs. J. Henry Wilkerson, of Prospect, who is not so well. Her son, Nat, is a patient at Southside Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thackston and Sandra, of High Point, N. C., spent last week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder had their two daughters, Dorothy and Margaret and three grandchildren, of Richmond to visit them during the holidays.

Quite a few called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richardson on Christmas Day.

Mrs. D. R. Inge had all her children but one to spend Christmas Day with her.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Dec. 30.- Mrs. W. J. Walton and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morris were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carson and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Magri Thursday evening.

Miss Shirley Walton, of Arlington is spending the holidays at her home here.

Miss Frances Carson, of Radford College is spending some time at her home here.

Miss Sue Oder, of Elkins, W. Va., Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Caldwell and Mrs. George Apsey, of Roanoke; Mr. and Mrs. Orie Schauber, of Crewe, and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Flunkett were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Zastrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rich and children, of Blacksburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Zastrow on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin and family visited her parents Christmas Day.

Spout Spring, Dec. 31.- I want to wish the Editor and his wife and all the readers of The Times-Virginian a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Due to the bad weather Sunday, there were 82 present for Sunday School at the Baptist Church.

Those who visited Mrs. Juddy Glover during the holidays were Miss Gladys Baldwin, of Kinston, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Tolley and son, Roy Allen; Mr. Paul Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Ferguson and daughter, Shelby Jean, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Ann Anderson, of Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Greene, of Farmville.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell Woodson during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Martz, of Newport News, Misses Emma Haar, Ruth Woodson, and Mrs. Margaret Marshall, of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Fitzgerald, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin were Christmas Day dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Myers, of Appomattox.

Miss Dolly Ferguson spent a few days with Mrs. Ann Woody, of Appomattox last week.

Mr. O. T. Jamerson, Mrs. C. R. McCormick and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jamerson visited Mrs. R. L. Bryant and other relatives in Petersburg last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Martin and family, of Dillwyn during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds and Mr. A. C. Almond were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Almond and son, of Lynchburg.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Ferguson Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ferguson and son Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Dicky Woody and son, Charles, Mr. Marshall Ferguson, all of Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Martin and daughters, Anne and Helen, were dinner guests of Mrs. Harry Reynolds Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McCormick.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Layne during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson and baby, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Layne and children, of Appomattox, Mr. and Mrs. William Layne and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ashrey McFadden and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McFadden and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Thomas.

Spout Spring, Dec. 30.- Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson were Sunday luncheon guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McCormick. Rev. Thompson is the new pastor of the Spout Spring Baptist Church. Rev. and Mrs. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McCormick called on Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Vaughan in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McCormick and Maurine had supper with Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Almond, of Evington, on Saturday.

Miss Edith Kauffman, of Concord spent Sunday and Monday with Maurine McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jamerson had guests in their home for dinner on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Reynolds had their daughter, Betty, and her family, from Lynchburg, as supper guests on Christmas Eve.

The Ready Springs Christmas party was greatly enjoyed by the community. A Christmas pageant was presented and every child in the church took part in the wonderful old custom of saying a Christmas piece. Every person present was given a treat by Santa Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Vaughan and Joe will visit relatives in Victoria and Farmville on New Year's Day.

SEEK NEW INDUSTRIES FOR OLD DOMINION

The Commonwealth of Virginia's program to encourage more industries to locate in the state has been further strengthened with the addition of three Industrial Development Agents.

Raymond V. Long, Director, Virginia Department of Conservation and Econoimc Development, has announced the appointment of the following to these new positions:

Carl M. Allen, of Frost Royal, Richardson Winston Morton, of Richmond, and Waldemar Wallner, of Pulaski. They will report in January.

These appointments to the Department's Division of Industrial Development follow two others recently announced by Director Long. C. M. Nicholson, Jr., of Richmond, was promoted to Commissioner, and Randall Hagner, also of Richmond, was named Industrial Development Agent.

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Homemakers Items

Let your vacuum cleaner attachments save you time and energy in housework, suggest Extension specialists.

For instance, they say to use the long, thin crevice tool on the condenser behind the refrigerator. The blanket of dust that collects there may act as an insulator and keep the excess heat from escaping.

Soot and pieces of dirt that collect on window sills and screens are easy to pick up with the suction of attachments.

It may be hard on your back to sweep mud and gravel out of your car. Try the crevice tool for getting under seats, and the upholstery brush for dusting the seats.

The crevice tool can be used to pull the dirt out from the bristles of the other attachments, to clean dust out of the corners of drawers, and to remove bread crumbs from the bread box and from between appliances. It can also be used to clean out registers and behind radiators. This attachment also does the job of removing lint from dark clothes and dust from trouser cuffs and pockets.

The dusting brush can be used on all your furniture and is especially handy for dusting books.

The upholstery brush used periodically on draperies and upholstered furniture may extend the time between cleanings and help prevent embedded dirt which may cut the fabric.

The bare floor brush used on cordtile, linoleum, and other hard-surface floor coverings removes rather than moves the dirt,, as your broom may do.

The spray attachment may come in handy for moth proofing clothes or spraying paint.

BABIES GALORE

Philadelphia.- A busy traffic policeman found time for a bit of Christmas courtesy the other day.

Mrs. Mary Constantine and her mother waited at a busy intersection. Due to the heavy auto traffic, they were unable to cross, although the light was with them. Finally, the policeman held up the line of vehicles to permit the two women to cross.

"Thank you, officer," Mrs. Constantine called out.

"You're welcome, taxpayer," came the cherry reply.

You Have

Remember, when you point your finger accusingly at someone else, you've got three fingers pointing at yourself. —Oak Leaves.

Correct

It seems that modern statesmen can't tell a lie, either. The correct name for it is an "official denial." —Minneapolis Star.

Pamplin

Pamplin, Dec. 29.- Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Moore and children, of Lexington were dinner guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brightwell, of Christiansburg visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brightwell this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Andes, of Bealton spent several days last week in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Guthery, of Lynchburg, were holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Davis.

Mrs. W. B. Ford spent the holidays with relatives at Fredericksburg, en route to Florida, where she will spend several months with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Guilfoil.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. Canada were Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Irving, of Glenside, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. John Buscemi and children, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Canada and daughter, Kitty, of Richmond.

Mrs. H. M. Marshall is visiting relatives on the Eastern Shore.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson and children, of Oakville, were holiday visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Richardson.

Mrs. Waverly Franklin, of Lynchburg spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Ruth Eaton.

Mrs. S. W. Brockwell, of Warwick spent several days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McClenny.

Miss Betty Tillery, of Farmville spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Fannie Tillery.

Dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Fannie Tillery and Ernest Womack Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Thos. T. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Schutz, of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Rowe, of Tappahannock, Miss Betty Tillery, of Farmville, and Mr. Alex Rosser, of Pamplin.

One Way

Pointing to the lessons of history is one way for a debator to prove any point he may have in mind. —Boston Globe.

Prone

Children are prone to clutch at straws, preferably at the soda fountain. —Wall Street Journal.

Housewives prefer cotton to other fibres for household uses, says Agriculture Department.

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Pamplin, R. F. D. 1., Dec. 30.- Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Clifton and Mrs. Annie Meadows on Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meadows, Sandra and Bruce, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peterson and sons, of Richmond; and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ranson and family, of Pamplin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, Jayne and Johnny, of Charlotte Court House spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meadows and family.

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Clifton were Friday night dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ranson and family.

Miss Carolyn Baldwin, of Pamplin spent Saturday with Miss Phyllis Clifton.

Robert Meadows and Jack Price, of Richmond spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Clifton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baldwin, of Pamplin spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baldwin and family.

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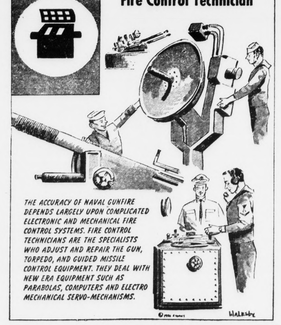

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